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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were 2 cents higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for sufficient to fully adequate offerings. Light type hens were fully sufficient for the slow demand.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Boston, prices were unchanged to two cents higher on mediums and unchanged on the heavier weight eggs. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand remained light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the generally slow demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, although usually steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to at times good. Additional feature activity was planned or in progress for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate for present needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were up 2 cents for medium and were unchanged for the balance. Prices in other reported areas were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies for all sizes were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate. Many breakers reported increasing inventories of heavy nest runs and were avoiding outside offerings. Floor stocks mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for mediums increased 2 cents, balance unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, instances good when features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on medium and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was mostly steady entering the weekend. Retail demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were generally adequate for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the slow demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

**WEST COAST** Prices were unchanged with the market tone mixed. Asking prices for next week for jumbo 2 cents lower, extra large and large unchanged, mediums 2-4 cents higher. Retailer demand was moderate, fairly good to cover scattered features in progress. Offerings were generally adequate.

## PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	97-99	88-90	54-58
New York	62-66	60-64	42-46
Philadelphia	60-64.5	59-62.5	37-44
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52-59	50-53	29-32
Jackson (1)	68-70	62-64	35-37
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	63-74	58-68	39-49
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	51-55	49-53	34-38
Detroit (2)	47-52	46-50	30-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	49-53	48-51	28-32
Major Wisconsin Cities	50-57	49-55	30-35
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	70-73	67-69	48-50
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	72-83	70-73	51-54
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	93	83	64
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices to Retailers		

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed with asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on jumbo, unchanged on extra large and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. Demand by retailers moderate. Offerings in fair balance with current needs. Small benchmark price 44. Ads noted in Southern California – major chains none; smaller outlets – extra large dozen 99, large dozen 99, medium dozen 2 for 99.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	111
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	64

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	74-101
EXTRA LARGE	72-83
LARGE	70-73
MEDIUM	51-54

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-319
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate. Many breakers reported increasing inventories of heavy nest runs and were avoiding most outside offerings. Floor stocks mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	29-31	29-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-20	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week's trading. Demand ranged light to moderate with offerings of lighter weight eggs fully sufficient. The undertone was at best steady, however traders were monitoring market developments. Case broken in the Eastern region increased 5 percent more than the previous week and the same week a year ago.

CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	28-32	30-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-25	17-20
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** - W/E -30-Aug-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
PW	1,285,319	31,020	11,194	5,905	3,030	4,524
LY	1,253,310	29,117	12,018	5,956	2,870	4,357
% CHG PW	1	-4	8	11	2	3
% CHG LY	3	2	1	10	8	7

2002	42,106,571	979,527	406,915	218,278	100,454	149,640
2001	40,118,864	911,145	403,820	216,262	87,691	143,568
% CHG YTD	5	8	1	1	15	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.03	40.96	41.05
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.43	37.44	37.57

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 73 to 79 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was about steady to mostly steady for whole egg and yolk with whites unsettled. Demand was improved for whole egg with price levels static and interest for whites and yolk rated as just moderate.

Offerings were balanced to adequate. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate with inventories increasing while many breakers avoid outside offerings of heavy nest runs. Schedules generally full-time for next week. Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 06 Sep, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	22	28-32.5	29.55	.33
WHITES	17	9-15	10.88	.58
YOLKS	12	75-76	75.92	.12

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged on salt yolk, but unchanged to slightly lower on the balance of products when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was usually steady on salt yolk, however the remainder of items was unsettled to barely steady. Demand was only fair and inactive. Supplies were adequate or available on all products. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 31, 2002 were 1% higher than the previous week, but 1% lower than a year ago.

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	39-45	42-44	49-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		69-75
WHITES	22-32	22-24	27-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	80-85	82-84	88-92
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-82	80-81	84-89
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg and whites ranged unchanged with sugared yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower and salted yolk 1 to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was generally steady for whole egg and whites with sugared yolk about steady and salted yolk mostly barely steady. Most processors rated demand as quiet for product sought outside of regular commitments. Offerings were adequate or available. Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged when compared to last week.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-45	42-44
WHITES	22-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	82-85	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-81	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices were 1 cent lower on whole and unchanged on yolks and whites. The Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/31 was up 1% compared to the previous week. Demand was fair overall with freezer stocks adequate overall.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	48-51
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	88-91
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	84-87

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were lower on whole and unchanged to lower on the remainder of items when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was unsettled to barely steady. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending August 31, 2002 were 2% higher than last week and 8% more than a year ago. The overall total dried egg year to date percent change was 15% higher than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.	
WHOLE	1.58-1.95 MOSTLY 1.60-1.70
YOLKS	1.90-2.20 MOSTLY 1.98-2.05
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.63-2.00 MOSTLY 1.65-1.75
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.23-1.35

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 30, 2002-SEPT 05, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
54.75								68.50								123.25							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	34.00	37.00	12.00	GL W J	—	64.00	2.75	GL W XL	44.50	45.00	42.25	GL W LG	39.00	42.71	14.75	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50				
GNR W 2	—	33.00	2.00	GL W XL	44.50	45.00	42.25	GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	35.00				
GL W J	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50	NRBS - 45	25.00	—	4.00				
GL W XL	44.50	45.00	42.25	GL W XL	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50	NRBS - 42	—	—	1.00				
GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W XL	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50	NRBS - 39	9.40	10.40	15.25				
GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50	GL W XL	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50								
GL W SM	21.00	23.50	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.00	GL W XL	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50								
NRBS - 45	25.00	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50								
NRBS - 42	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50								
NRBS - 39	9.40	10.40	15.25	GL W XL	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	45.33	27.25	GL W MD	—	29.00	17.50								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was generally slow and unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Processings schedules for next week were reported as normal. Movement of finished product was fair to moderate with offerings at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings at least fully adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for numerically low, but fully adequate offerings of leg-horn fowl. Schedules were at desired levels to service a slow finished product demand. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired slaughter schedules. Demand was moderate. Offerings were in fairly good balance with current needs.

**LIVE TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading  
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 06-SEPT-02 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	63.57	61.69	41.83
SOUTHERN	61.99	57.21	36.60
MIDWEST	51.70	50.01	32.08
WESTERN	82.18	75.08	56.09
TWELVE METRO AREAS	67.34	63.37	44.28

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were generally sufficient for trade needs. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings. The undertone was steady.

**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

19-26 MAJORITY 20-21 CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

21-27.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5

**HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**

28-36 MAJORITY 29-31

**HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**

29-38 MAJORITY 31-32.5

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 31-Aug-02

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,848	1,640	3,488
LAST WEEK	1,779	1,650	3,429
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,924	1,410	3,334
TO-DATE/2002	61,890	48,478	110,368
TO-DATE/2001	61,856	48,196	110,052

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	271	0	271
LAST WEEK	203	4	207
SAME WEEK YR AGO	408	0	408
TO-DATE/2002	10,767	223	10,990
TO-DATE/2001	15,693	224	15,917

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,119	1,640	3,759
LAST WEEK	1,982	1,654	3,636
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,332	1,410	3,742
TO-DATE/2002	72,657	48,701	121,358
TO-DATE/2001	77,549	48,420	125,969

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending August 24, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	144	310	11,678	7,493
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	18	0	386	40
Total	162	310	12,085	7,611

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending August 24, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	131	134	4,268	3,621
Frozen	39	90	2,816	937
Dried	0	26	3,358	401
Total	170	250	10,442	4,959

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending August 24, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Jumbo	33	0	1,193	87
Extra Large	750	1,854	37,988	39,361
Large	1,858	2,159	91,061	81,782
Medium	1,163	750	39,083	31,978
Ungraded	810	10,200	187,745	246,800
Misc	90	2,250	13,572	63,279
Total	4,704	17,213	370,642	463,287

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.  
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).**

CENTS PER DOZEN	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	30-33	16-20	5-8

**NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.**

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	78-81	69-72	37-40	19-22

**DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.**

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
53-63	47-50	44-49	27-31	22-26

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG SEPTEMBER 03, 2002.**

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	112	102	68	52
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	104-108	95-99	61-65	45-49
MOSTLY	106-107	97-98	63-64	47-48
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	110-114	101-105	67-71	51-55
MOSTLY	110	101	67	51
<b>VERMONT</b>	114-115	105	69-71	-
MOSTLY	114	-	71	-

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 09/02/02	2,484	216,370	71,355
AM 08/01/02	2,024	215,685	75,870
CHG	460	685	-4515
PCT CHG	23%	0%	-6%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

SELECTED	CW	PW	W/E 31-Aug-02	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PCT	CHG
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	17.3	17.9	-3	-21
BOSTON	3.5	3.5	0	-20
CHICAGO	50.4	38.3	32	9
DETROIT	27.2	27.6	-1	-18
KANSAS CITY	4.2	4.2	0	8
LOS ANGELES	84.6	86.4	-2	-26
NEW ORLEANS	8.9	8.6	3	6
NEW YORK	32.3	33.3	-3	-18
ST. LOUIS	15.0	15.5	-3	-16
SAN FRANCISCO	23.5	22.6	4	5
TOTAL	266.9	257.9	3	-14
4 WK MVG AVG	260.7			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 31-Aug-02

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	228.4	4	5
E.N. CENTRAL	567.4	-1	8
W.N. CENTRAL	275.9	-2	0
S. ATLANTIC	179.5	2	-1
S. CENTRAL	83.6	5	6
WEST	191.6	3	-3
TOTAL	1526.4	1	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

**EGG PRODUCTS**

Shell Eggs Broken Up 10 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 168 million dozen during July 2002, up 10 percent from July a year ago.

July 2002 contained 23 weekdays including one holiday and four Saturdays compared to 22 weekdays including one holiday and four Saturdays in July 2001.

During calendar year 2002, shell eggs broken totaled 1.09 billion dozen, up 5 percent from the 1.04 billion dozen broken in 2001. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2002 was 1.38 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2001.

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